

Thatcher will be missed by his family, Montanans, and an entire grateful nation.

#### REMEMBERING SONIA AND MARTIN J. WOLF

Mr. BENNET. Madam President, today I want to recognize the legacy of two great Coloradans, Sonia and Martin J. Wolf. After 54 years of marriage and a lifetime of public service, Martin and Sonia passed away recently within weeks of each other in Denver, CO.

Martin Wolf was chief of staff to Senators Mike Gravel and Floyd Haskell and administrative assistant to two Colorado Governors and former Denver Mayor Federico Peña. He then went on to work on President Johnson's staff—all with the love of his life by his side. The two spent a lifetime advocating for what they believed in, and they worked tirelessly to leave the world a better place than they found it.

Their dedication to public service is widely renowned and respected. Martin and Sonia, and the passion they carried for their work, will be deeply missed.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following obituary for the Wolfs be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

Admired for their decades of public service, Sonia and Martin J. Wolf, married for fifty-four years, died within weeks of each other in Denver, CO.

Mr. Wolf was Chief of Staff to two United States Senators and Administrative Assistant to two Colorado Governors and a Denver Mayor. They were much admired in Washington and Denver for their devotion to each other and to public service.

Mrs. Wolf, a native New Yorker raised primarily in Miami, Florida, met her husband during her career as an accountant and financial advisor. Recognizing that they must be lifetime companions, they slipped away for a weekend from the campaign of Gov. Steve McNichols to get married in 1962, flying to Santa Fe where New Mexico's Governor made special arrangements to open a court on a Saturday. They were inseparable ever after.

Mr. Wolf, a Colorado native, was a Navy veteran of WW II, graduating from Denver University in 1950. He embarked on a journalism career that took him to posts in Australia and Alaska before returning to Denver as a reporter on KOA-TV.

In 1962 he became Press Secretary for Gov. McNichols, also directing Coloradans for President Lyndon Johnson in 1964.

LBJ's White House Chief of Staff W. Marvin Watson was so impressed that he brought Sonia and Marty to Washington as Special Assistant to Chairman John Bailey at the DNC and later as Special Assistant to The Postmaster General when Watson was appointed to the Cabinet.

In 1970, Marty became Chief of Staff to Alaska Senator Mike Gravel. In that position, he came into possession of the "Pentagon Papers," loading the boxes into the trunk of his car. To Sonia's chagrin, he kept a lifelong pledge never to reveal his source to anyone. Senator Gravel astounded the world reading sections aloud on the floor of the Senate while the Washington Post was fighting to publish.

The Wolfs kept their home in Denver, so it was a natural transfer when Marty became

Chief of Staff for newly elected Senator Floyd Haskell, a lifelong friend.

In 1979, the Wolfs returned permanently to Denver where he became Regional Small Business Advocate.

Wolf was considered a great success moulding together the freshman agency within six mountain states. When he retired in 1985, Gov. Richard Lamm proclaimed "Martin J. Wolf Day" in Colorado, hailing "his dedicated, thoughtful, persuasive leadership."

Wolf went on to assist Gov. Lamm as an AA and completed his long career as Denver Mayor Federico Peña's Assistant for Boards and Commissions from 1988 to 1991.

During retirement, the Wolfs contributed their efforts to numerous not-for-profit endeavors and were much sought after for their calm, genial expertise, achieved over a lifetime of public service. In particular they supported the Multiple Sclerosis Society in response to Sonia's heroic lifelong struggle with MS. They never missed a chance to participate in Presidential campaigns as loyal Democrats.

A memorial service will be held on June 6 at 11 a.m. at the Little Ivy Chapel, 430 S. Quebec St., Denver, CO (Tel: 303 399 0692). Martin Wolf passed from us on February 3, 2016 and Sonia Wolf joined him on May 1, 2016.

The Wolfs are survived by a number of relatives, including Sonia's brother, Eugene Kesser of Miami, FL; Martin's nephew, Paul Downing of Denver and two godchildren whom they considered "grandchildren." Broadway director, Ethan McSweeney of Brooklyn, NY and Federal Trade Commissioner, Terrell McSweeney of Washington, DC.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Colorado Multiple Sclerosis Society, 900 S. Broadway, Suite 250, Denver, CO 80209.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO TOM KUNTZ

• Mr. DAINES. Madam President, nestled along the banks of the Madison River, protected by the Madison, Gravelly, and Tobacco Root Mountains sits the charming town of Ennis, MT. Ennis is a strong community of nearly 1,000 citizens. This humble city boasts blue ribbon trout fishing, gorgeous hiking, and attracts people from all walks of life to the spirit and values of the Old West.

Tom Kuntz and his wife made Ennis, MT, their home in 2014. Since then, he has weaved himself into the fabric of this community as a dedicated volunteer at Ennis Community Children's School. After raising kids of his own, Kuntz still wanted to be involved in the lives of children. They say it takes a village to raise a child, and Kuntz takes his part in this happily.

Lacy Keller, director of the Community School, says Kuntz is a weekly volunteer and lends a hand whenever and wherever he can. "He comes in every week, hangs out with the kids, comes on field trips, fixes our bikes and broken toys, mows the lawn, he does whatever he can for us and the kids." The community school averages 20-25 children ranging in ages from 2-12, and Keller says that all of them adore Kuntz.

Just a few weeks ago the kids couldn't wait to invite him on one of

their hiking trips. One girl had recently fractured her foot and would have missed out on the group adventure if it weren't for Kuntz. Keller says that Kuntz graciously carried the little girl on his back up and down the mountain trail. Together the pair spent the day smiling, laughing, and Kuntz even sang songs to entertain her and the students throughout the day.

Kuntz is a selfless volunteer who donates his time and money and expects very little in return. On numerous occasions he has purchased items out of his own pocket to help out with maintenance or building projects. Most recently, Kuntz helped to complete a garden for the school so that students can grow vegetables and cultivate a first-hand knowledge of agriculture.

He embodies the diligent and gracious heart of Ennis citizens and is instilling that into the future Montana farmers, educators, and leaders growing up in Ennis. Montana is truly one of the last best places, and I am honored that Tom is so invested in the success of our children. Thank you, Tom, and welcome home.●

##### TRIBUTE TO NOAH COZAD

• Mr. ROUNDS. Madam President, today I recognize Noah Cozad, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota.

Noah is a graduate of Washington High School in Sioux Falls, SD. He recently graduated from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, where he studied political science, global studies, and German. He is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience and who has been a true asset to the office.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Noah for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

##### TRIBUTE TO ANDREW LEIFERMAN

• Mr. ROUNDS. Madam President, today I recognize Andrew Leiferman, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota.

Andrew is a graduate of T.F. Riggs High School in Pierre, SD. He attends the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, where he studies finance and economics. He is an analytical and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience and who has been a true asset to the office.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Andrew for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

##### TRIBUTE TO THOMAS MCNAMARA

• Mr. ROUNDS. Madam President, today I recognize Thomas McNamara,

an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota.

Thomas is a graduate of St. John's College High School in Washington, DC. He attends the University of Texas at Austin, where he studies business and accounting. He is an inquisitive and committed worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience and who has been a true asset to the office.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Thomas for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 2015, the Secretary of the Senate, on July 8, 2016, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1777) to amend the Act of August 25, 1958, commonly known as the "Former Presidents Act of 1958", with respect to the monetary allowance payable to a former President, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 524) to authorize the Attorney General to award grants to address the national epidemics of prescription opioid abuse and heroin use.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, with amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 2943. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2017 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes

The message further announced that the House insist upon its amendment to the bill (S. 2943) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2017 for mili-

tary activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes, and asks a conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and that the following Members be the managers of the conference on the part of the House:

From the Committee on Armed Services, for consideration of the Senate bill and the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. THORNBERRY, FORBES, MILLER of Florida, WILSON of South Carolina, LoBIONDO, BISHOP of Utah, TURNER, KLINE, ROGERS of Alabama, FRANKS of Arizona, SHUSTER, CONAWAY, LAMBORN, WITTMAN, GIBSON, Mrs. HARTZLER, Mr. HECK of Nevada, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Messrs. LANGEVIN, LARSEN of Washington, COOPER, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. COURTNEY, Ms. TSONGAS, Messrs. GARAMENDI, JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. SPEIER, and Mr. PETERS.

From the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, for consideration of matters within the jurisdiction of that committee under clause 11 of rule X: Messrs. NUNES, POMPEO, and SCHIFF.

From the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for consideration of sections 571-74 and 578 of the Senate bill, and sections 571, 573, 1098E, and 3512 of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. WALBERG, GUTHRIE, and SCOTT of Virginia.

From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of sections 3112 and 3123 of the Senate bill, and sections 346, 601, 749, 1045, 1090, 1095, 1673, 3119A, and 3119C of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. LATTA, JOHNSON of Ohio, and PALLONE.

From the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for consideration of sections 828, 1006, 1007, 1050, 1056, 1089, 1204, 1211, 1221-23, 1231, 1232, 1242, 1243, 1247, 1252, 1253, 1255-58, 1260, 1263, 1264, 1271-73, 1276, 1283, 1301, 1302, 1531-33, and 1662 of the Senate bill, and sections 926, 1011, 1013, 1083, 1084, 1098K, 1099B, 1099C, 1201, 1203, 1214, 1221-23, 1227, 1229, 1233, 1235, 1236, 1245, 1246, 1250, 1259A-59E, 1259J, 1259L, 1259P, 1259Q, 1259U, 1261, 1262, 1301-03, 1510, 1531-33, 1645, 1653 and 2804 of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. ROYCE, ZELDIN, and ENGEL.

From the Committee on Homeland Security, for consideration of sections 564 and 1091 of the Senate bill, and sections 1097, 1869, 1869A, and 3510 of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. MCCAUL, DONOVAN, and THOMPSON of Mississippi.

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of sections 829J, 829K, 944, 963, 1006, 1023-25, 1053, 1093,

1283, 3303, and 3304 of the Senate bill, and sections 598, 1090, 1098H, 1216, 1261, and 3608 of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. GOODLATTE, ISSA, and CONYERS.

From the Committee on Natural Resources, for consideration of sections 601, 2825, subtitle D of title XXVIII, and section 2852 of the Senate bill, and sections 312, 601, 1090, 1098H, 2837, 2839, 2839A, subtitle E of title XXVIII, sections 2852, 2854, 2855, 2864-66, title XXX, sections 3508, 7005, and title LXXXIII of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. COOK, HARDY, and GRIJALVA.

From the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for consideration of sections 339, 703, 819, 821, 829H, 829I, 861, 944, 1048, 1054, 1097, 1103-07, 1109-13, 1121, 1124, 1131-33, 1135, and 1136 of the Senate bill, and sections 574, 603, 807, 821, 1048, 1088, 1095, 1098L, 1101, 1102, 1104-06, 1108-11, 1113, 1259C, and 1631 of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. CHAFFETZ, RUSSELL, and CUMMINGS.

From the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for consideration of section 874 of the Senate bill and sections 1605, 1673, and title XXXII of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. SMITH of Texas, WEBER of Texas, and Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas.

From the Committee on Small Business, for consideration of sections 818, 838, 874, and 898 of the Senate bill, and title XVIII of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. CHABOT, KNIGHT, and Ms. VELÁZQUEZ.

From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of sections 541, 562, 601, 961, 3302-07, 3501, and 3502 of the Senate bill, and sections 343, 601, 731, 835, 1043, 1671, 3119C, 3501, 3504, 3509, 3512, and title XXXVI of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. HUNTER, ROUZER, and SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York.

From the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for consideration of sections 706, 755, and 1431 of the Senate bill, and sections 741, 1421, and 1864 of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. ROE of Tennessee, BOST, and TAKANO.

From the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of section 1271 of the Senate bill, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. BRADY of Texas, REICHERT, and LEVIN.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 1270. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the amendments made by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements.